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OF THE

14TH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Yadkin Baptist Association,

HELD AT THE

MT. ZION CHURCH,

SALISBURY, N. C.,

October 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th,

1887.

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PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6TH, 1887.

The Yadkin Association met to-day in its 14th Annual Session, in the Mt. Zion Church, Salisbury, N. C. The house was called to order by the former Moderator, Rev. W. Leak. Sung hymn 431 and read 24th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. Prayer by Rev. C. Ellis.

The Moderator announced the house ready for business. On motion the following committee on arrangements was appointed:

Rev. C. H. Lym, F. Standback, H. Barringer.

On motion the following committee on devotional exercises were appointed: W. M. Dusenbury, P. R. Tyson, T. H. Meadly.

The committee on arrangements submitted the following reports.

That Rev. C. Ellis, Moderator, and Rev. B. R. Richardson, Vice, H. M. Ellis, Recording Sec'y, and J. H. Hargrave, Cor. Sec'y.

The Association met at 9 o'clock, A. M., sharp, and adjourned at 12 A. M. Met at 2 o'clock P. M. and adjourned at 5 P. M.

Committee on admission of churches—J. B. Baggler, I. Hannah, S. Davis, I. Sam Hairston, J. H. Hargrave.

On motion by Rev. H. Cowan, C. C. Samerville of Salisbury N. C., was introduced and invited to a seat with us in the Association. Also Rev. F. R. Howell, President of the Western Baptist Missionary Union. On motion that Rev. W. Leak and Rev. H. Cowan conduct the Moderator to the chair. On motion that the churches hereafter consult the body of the church a call a Pastor instead of running a election in the church The Association adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock; hymn 232. Prayer by Rev. C. H Lym. A collection was lifted amounting to 1.57 for a sick Bro., E. Fleak. The committee submitted the following reports—that Rev. W. Leak and Rev. C. H. Lym preach the introductory sermon. Benediction by the Moderator.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met at the appointed time. Devotional exercises was conducted by the Moderator. Sung hymn 353 and read Psalms, 1st chapter. Prayer by Rev. B. R. Richardson. The Moderator pronounced the house open for business. The unfinished business was taken up. On motion by F. Standback the following committee on time and place was appointed—C. H. Ellis, A. Henderson, H. Bassinger.

On motion that the churches and delegates be enrolled as follows:

Thomasville, H Bassinger; Pleasant Hill, T H Meadly; Sharon, by letter; First Baptish church, Wadesboro, by letter; Mt. Zion Church, A. Henderson and W M Dusenbury; Macedonia, E Fleak; Pee Dee, F. Standback; Pleasant Grove, I. Hannah; New Zion, C H Ellis; Yadkin Grove, I. Sam Hairston and Henry Holmes; Red Hill, by letter; Smith Grove, H Sumner and M Holt; Liberty Hill, by letter; Mt Pleasant, J. B Baggler; New Hope, S D Davis; Pine Shaw, R Hairston; Buncombe, A. Hairston, H. Cowan, Jr.

On motion Rev. H. Cowan that the former Treasurer be investigated by a committee of three. Committee, C. H. Ellis, Rev. H. H. Lym, Rev. W. Leak.

Rev. F. R. Howell then delivered a very interesting speech in regard to the great Missionary Work in the western part of North Carolina. Also Rev. C. C. Somerville spoke of the great need of the Mission Work; that it would help the cause of the Baptists. Rev. H. Cowan in its behalf: That while getting up Missions to go to the heathen, he thought that in our own lands the gospel was much needed.

On motion by Rev. C. H. Lym, that after all of the expenses of the Association have been paid that the remainder of the money be kept in the Treasury.

The Association adjourned by singing hymn 144. Prayer by Rev. F. R. Howell. Benediction by Rev. B. R. Richardson.

NIGHT SESSION.

At 7 o'clock Rev. W. Leak and Rev. C. H. Lym occupied the stand. The session was opened by singing hymn 413. Rev. W. Leak proceeded to preach the introductory sermon from 32nd chapter. Prayer by Rev. C. H. Lym, and preached a heartfelt sermon that was greatly enjoyed by all that heard it. A collection was lifted amounting to $1.17.

Benediction by Rev. W. Leak.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Association met at the appointed time. The house was called to order by the Moderator, and hymn 929 was sung. After reading 8th chapter of Paul's letter to the Romans, prayer by Rev. C. B. Hartman. The Moderator pronounced the house ready for business. Minutes of noon session were read and adopted. On motion by Rev. F. R. Howell that Rev. A. Ellis, Missionary for Western North Carolina, was introduced and invited to a seat in the Association.

On motion by Rev. H. Cowan, A. J. Hope was introduced and invited to a seat in the Association.

The Committee submitted the following reports that Rev. B. R. Richardson and S. Richardson fill the stand at 11 o'clock a. m.

The hour having arrived Rev. B. R. Richardson proceeded by singing hymn 261 and preached a very interesting sermon from the 5th chapter and 2nd verse of Paul's second letter to Corinthians: "If this earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved," etc. Rev. S. Richardson sung hymn 574, "Oh, Where Shall Rest be Found." Prayer by Rev. C. Ellis. Benediction was pronounced.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met at the appointed hour. The house was called to order with singing and prayer after which the unfinished business was taken up.

On motion that Dr. A. W. Shield, M. D., ex pastor of Macedonia church, Washington, D. C., residence between 22nd and 23rd Streets.

On motion by Rev. F. R. Howell that Rev. A. Ellis have the pleasure of submitting his reports as follows: That he had done a great work in the western part of this State for the cause of Christ, and also had received $130.65 from the field for his labor for 1886 and sent the union $16.20.

The committe submitted the following report: That Dr A W Shields and Rev. F. R. Howell preach at 8 o'clock.

The committee on time and place submitted their report that the next Annual Association be held at Macedonia church in Stanly county on Thursday before 2nd Sunday in October, 1888.

On motion by Rev. H. Cowan that a committee be appointed to say who shall be the delegates to the State Convention to be held at Greensboro on Wednesday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1887. Committee, W. M. Dasenbery, J. Sam. Hairston, R. Hairston, S. Richardson, J. B. Baggler, S. Davis.

The committee on miscellaneous business submitted the following report: That Smith Grove Church and her pastor must settle the matter between themselves and if it cannot be done they must call a Presbytery to settle it.

The Association adjourned by singing hymn 259 and prayer by P. D. Doomas.

Benediction by Rev. H. Cowan.

NIGHT SESSION.

At 7 o'clock services were open by singing hymn 934 and read 100th Psalm and Prayer by Dr. A. W. Shields and proceeded to preach from the 5th chapter of 2nd Cor., and preached a very interesting and sermon that was greatly enjoyed by all that heard it. Prayer by Rev. F. R. Howell. A collection was lifted amounting to $3.98. Benediction by Dr. A. W. Shields.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Association met at nine o'clock, the Monerator in the chair. Open by singing hymn 490 and prayer by Rev. W. Leak, who read 3rd chapter of John. The minutes of the afernoon session were read and adopted.

On motion by Rev. H. Cowan that allof the church property of the Yadkin Associatton shall not be taken away to any other Association. We hereby call our churches to this fact.

Committee on Publication: Rev. W. Leak, Rev. C. H. Lym, F. Stanback, Henry Holmes, H. Barringer, Rev. G. Ellis.

We have reached the conclusion that we find Buncombe church guilty of a public offense. We have bound it and its pastor together until the indebtedness be paid ($16.54), to be settled by the church. If that cannot be done we order that they call a council to settle the matter, and that no other ministers go there until this is done. By order of the Association.

The Committee submitted the following report: That if any brother fail to comply with his indebtedness with the Association in 3 months he shall be published in the next annual session.

The Committee submitted the following report: That Rev. W. Leak and Rev. C. Ellis were the delegates to the State Convention to be held on Wednesday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1887, in Hillsboro, N. C.

Rev. J. O. Crossby, Principal, State Normal School, and Dr. A. W. Shields came in Sunday morning and made some very interesting remarks on education which were greatly enjoyed, and I do hear say that if those words are put in practice they will accomplish much in life. The State Normal School is one among the best Schools that N. C. can or ever will produce. Respectfully, H. M. Ellis and J. H. Hargrove.

Hymn 15. Benediction by Rev. C. Ellis.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met at the appointed time. The Moderator sung hymn 222 and read 21st chapter of Matthew. Prayer by Rev. A. Ellis.

On motion by Rev. C. C. Samerville that a Committee on Appropriations was appointed. Committee: Rev. C. B. Hartman, C. H. Ellis, P. D. Doomas.

On motion by H. Barringer that a vote of thanks be returned to the white and colored friends for their kind hospitality during our stay in the city of Salsbury, N. C.

The committee submitted the report that we give:

Missionary,	$3.00
State Convention	$10.00
Wadesboro Church,	$1.50
Rev. E. Fleak, a sick brother,	$2.00

Rev. H. Cowan gave Wadesboro Church one dollar; Rev. G. Ellis one dollar; Rev. C. Ellis half a dollar.

On motion by Rev. W. Leak that we adjourn to meet with Macedonia church in Stanly county, on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1888.

On motion that we send two delegates to meet the Rowan Association which will be held in Greensboro on Wednesday before the 3rd Sunday in August 1888. Committee submitted the following report: That Revs. H. Cowan and B. R. Richardson preach the Missionary Sermon at 11 o'clock, a. m., Rev. C. H. Lym and C. B. Hartman at the Presbyterian church, Revs. W. Leak and A. Ellis at Dixonville, and Revs. C. & G. Ellis at Smith Grove, Davidson county.

NIGHT SERVICE.

At 7 o'clock P R Tyson sung hymn and C. B. Hartman proceeded to preach from 7th chapter of Matthew and 24th verse and preached a very interesting sermon. P R Tyson sung hymn 639. Prayer by S Davis:

SUNDAY MORNING.

At 11 o'clock Revs H Cowan and B R Richardson proceeded to preach the Missionary sermon. Hymn 947, "Go Preach my Gospel says the Lord," etc. Prayer by same brother. Text, 28th chapter of Matthew, 18th and 19th verses: "Go ye Therefore and Teach," etc. The sermon was greatly enjoyed by all who heard it. The closing hymn was sung amid good-byes and farewells to meet with Macedonia church, Stanly county, N C., on Thursday before 2nd Sunday in October, 1888.

On motion that the next Minister and Deacon meeting be held at New Hope, on Friday before the 5th Sunday in May, 1888, and that Rev G. Ellis and Rev. H. Cowan be the delegates to meet the Rowan Association in Greensboro, N C., 1888, on Wednesday before the 3rd Sunday in August.

This is to certify that I received 15 cents to get paper out of the Treasury H. M. ELLIS,
Standback Treasurer F.

REPORTS OF THE SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Thomasville—S. S. Supt. H Bassinger, clerk, S. S. Thomas Supt.

Smith Grove—J J Moore Supt; Scolars 30; Treasurer, H Sumner, Clerk, I. Hargrave.

First Baptist Church, S S, 28.

Buncombe—Supt A. Hairston: Clerk, Weldam Crump: scholars 28.

Mt Zion—S S Supt, John Ellis: teachers, Demeller Pope and Cloddie Johnson; Treasurer, John Ellis. Scholars, 40.

Yadkin Grove—Supt, G W Holmes: teachers, Mary Boyde, Bettie Boyde and S M Car. 39.

Pine Shaw—S S, 21.

Sharon—S S Supt, C W Broadway: Scholars 30.

New Zion—S S Supt, H M Ellis: Asst. C H Ellis: Teachers, S A Ellis, L Kesler and G F Brown: clerk, M E Ellis: Treasurer, L Kesler. 50

Beall—S S Supt, H M Ellis: Asst. J D Hairston: Teachers, A M Hargrave, J Long and Hettie Hargrave: Treasurer, Alice Pinkston; clerk, M J Haganes. Scholars 40.

Liberty Hill—S S, Scholars 29.
Poplar Springs—S S, Scholars 30.
Mt Pleasant—S S, Scholars 40.
Pee Dee—S S, Scholars 38; Teachers, J H Ingram, Mary Allen, Jr, Supt, F Allen, Mary Allen.
Red Hill—S S, Scholars 25.
Pleasant Grove—S S, Scholars 29.
Macadonia—S S, Scholars 30.
New Hope S S—Teachers, L J Pingston, S E Beaver and R A Parkey, J B Parker Supt; Clerk, E C Parker.

AN ADDRESS BY REV. H. BARRINGER ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

He said that he was trying to do all he could for the great work in the Sunday School, and that each and every church ought to have a good Sunday School, and he was the only delegate from the Southern part of the field that spoke on Sunday Schools. Respectfully.

H. M. Ellis and J. H. Hargrave.

We hereby call our churches to the fact that no church can do its duty without a Sunday School in it. And that all of our churches in the bounds of the Yadkin Association would devote more time in the Sunday School work. Whereas the Sunday School being the necessity of the church, it must be dutifully looked at, and that the American Baptist Publication Society, 1420 Chestnut St, Pa., is the place for each school to get its literature from. And that pastors and deacons of the churches shall look especially at the work that can be accomplished in the Sunday Schools, and in the next annual session all of the Sunday Schools will send in the Sunday School on a separated letter, so as to give a clear report in the Minutes of the Association.

Respectfully, H. M. Ellis and Rev. G. Ellis.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Rev G Ellis delivered a heart-felt address on mission work—that was needed in our Association—and spoke very briefly and to the point, that was so much needed in the Baptist fields of the Union. He said that we had ministers and deacons that could introduce Bibles for the missionary work without any other help from other ministers from other parts of the State, and that all they wanted was to go forward in the great work, and that the Great Head of the Church would crown their labor with success. And let us set fourth from this day to persevere on to a day of success that awaited the faithfully arrival of the children of men.

Reports of the Missionary for Western N. C. Rev. A. Ellis.

Green's Berchul,	$3.35
Shelby church,	9.42
Mt Catawba Association,	3.00
Statesville church,	1.65
Charlotte, first church,	8.50
Lincolnton church,	.90
Askridge Grove,	4.50
Locus Hill,	.50
Mastduts,	.30
Denberry,	.50
Board of the Mt. Association,	5.00
Salem church,	2.25
Mt Sina (N C) church,	2.90
St Peter church,	.70
Washington,	6.50
Springfield church,	2.45
Mt Carmel,	.75
Second church, Charlotte,	.95
Bayde's Friendship,	4.30
Dallas church,	1.60
Center church	15.38
Elnegus church,	1.50
Paid by the Executive Board,	.60
Hope Well,	.80
County Line,	.40
White Oak Springs,	3.65
Pleasant Grove,	2.10
Sardis church,	2.75
St Paul Church,	.25
Long Branch,	2.00
On order,	7.00
Patterson Grove church,	1.46
Shoal Creek church,	.60
Mt Sina S. C. church,	.75
Bethel church,	1.00
Belford church,	1.50
Fishing Creek,	.65
Shiloh Association,	7.70
Order Prest.	5.00
Borad,	.85
Mt Coarbus,	4.00
do Association,	3.00

CONSTITUTION.

ART. I. This Association shall be known as the Yadkin Missionary Baptist Baptist Association of North Carolina.

ART. II. This Association shall be composed of regular Baptist Churhes in good standing and in full practice of the doctrines and practices of faith, discipline and ordinances of the regular denomination.

ART. III The officers of the Association shall be a President and Vice President, a Clerk, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, whose duties respectively shall be such as are commonly exercised by these officers, and who shall be elected annually, and shall hold their offices until their successors are chosen.

ART. IV. The sole object of this Association shall be for fraternal intercourse and mutual counsel to promote the union of the churches, and to look especially to the cause of Christ within the bounds of the Association

ART. V. This Association shall meet annually, composed of not more than three delegates from each church with a letter giving the condition of the church. Said meeting shall convene on Thursday at 10 o'clock, a. m., before the second Sabbath in October, with an introductory sermon, and continue until the business of the Association is completed.

ART. VI. All visiting regularly ordained ministers of our faith and order who are in good standing in their respective churches, and corresponding delegates, can have a seat with us to give counsel but not to vote—voting shall only be by the delegates.

ART. VII. Any church of this body that is corrupt in practice or doctrine, after gospel steps have been taken to reclaim her and she persists in her course, shall no longer be a member of this body, and the reason in full shall be published in the minutes. Furthermore, any church failing to be represented by letter or delegates two successive years shall be visited by suitable admonition, and if she neglects to attend the third year, she shall be dropped from the Association.

ART. VIII. No difficulty existing between churches, or in a church, shall be heard by this Association until gospel steps have been fully taken outside of this body to settle the difficulty.

ART. IX. The Scriptures, the Word of God, shall be a sufficient rule of faith, doctrine and practice, etc., of this Association and the traditions of men, where they have neither precept nor example in the Scriptures to justify them, shall be respected.

ART. X. The following committees shall be appointed after the election of officers:

1. Committee on Devotional Exercises—except on Sabbath day.
2. Committee on Admission of Churches and Correspondents.
3. Committee on Publication of the Minutes.
4. Committee on Time and Place of next Annual Session.
5. Committee on Miscellaneous Business.

ART. XI. The Rules of Order in the Baptist Church Directory shall govern the deliberations of this body.

ART. XII. This Constitution may be amended by a two-third vote, provided that twelve months' notice be previously given.

RULES OF ORDER.

1—This Association shall be opened with devotional services, conducted by the moderator and others appointed by him.

2—The minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read, corrected and adopted.

3—No brother shall be interrupted when he speaking unless his remarks are foreign to the subject under discussion. Any brother may rise to a point of order, or the Moderator may call him to the proposition under debate.

4—When a member is called to order by the Moderator he shall take his seat until it is determined by the Moderator whether he is in order or not. Said member may appeal from the decision of the Moderator to the decision of the Association, which shall be final.

5—No member shall be allowed to go to sleep, spit on the floor, or whisper in the Session room.

6—No member shall be allowed to leave the House without permission of the Moderator.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	P. O.	Baptised.	Rec'd by letter	Restored	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Deaths	Total Membership
Thomasville,	1870	Montgo nery,	W. Leak,	S. S. Thomas,	Mt. Gilead,							
Pleasant Hill,	1870	Anson,	W. Leak,	P. Tyson,	Ansonville,	8	0	0	1	8	1	128
Poplar Spring,	1882	Moore,			Lookout,	4	1	1	1	0	6	148
Pee Dee,	1877	Anson,	F. Patterson,		Lookout,	1		11	11	1	1	84
Mt. Zion,	1866	Rowan,	H. Cowan,	Jno. Ellis,	Salisbury,	14		8	0	4	3	146
Red Hill,	1874	Anson,		P H Thompson,	Diamond Hill	6		3	1	1	1	65
Sharon,	1875	Anson,	B R Richardson	G. Bowdan,	Mt. Gilead,	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
Pleasant Grove,	1881	Montgomery,	W. Leak,	J. B. Lee,	Center,	3	0	0	1	7		21
Macedona,	1881	Stanly,	B R Richardson	Thos. Jeane,	Rockingham	0	0	0		8		41
Poplar Spring,	1872	Richmond.	F. Patterson,			11	1	2	0			91
Buncombe,	1876	Davidson,	G. Ellis,	A Hairston,	Tyro,	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
1st Bapt. Ch. Wadesboro	1882	Anson,	B R Richardson	S. W. Calwell,	Wadesboro,	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
New Zion,	1867	Davidson,	C H Lynn,	H. M. Ellis.	Linwood,	15	4	4	0	1	1	80
Mt. Pleasant,	1873	Anson,	W. Leak,	Virgil Diggins,		5	0	1	0	0	0	42
Liberty Hill,	1871	Richmond,	W. Leak,	A. Raferson,							1	29
Pine Shaw,	1882	Davie,	G. Ellis,	T. Hairston,	Fork Church	3	1	1	1			
Smith Grove,	1865	Davidson,	C. Ellis,	A. A. Hargrave,	Linwood,	4	1	0	1	3	4	100
Yadkin Grove,	1865	Rowan,	C. Ellis,	G. W. Holmes,	Salisbury,	4				2		80
New Hope,	1867	Stanly,	C. B. Hartman,	Loyd Oliver,	Stanly,	9	0	1		2	1	54

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